



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OXFORD

Stipendiary Lectureship (4 hours) in Physics

Salary: £11,270-£12,446

OVERVIEW OF THE POST

Applications are invited for a Stipendiary Lectureship in Physics, tenable for 12 months from 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2027, with the possibility of an extension to two or three years.

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About University College

University College, commonly known as Univ, was established in 1249 and has a claim to be the oldest college in Oxford. Today, the College is at the forefront of promoting diversity and excellence in Oxford, fostering a friendly and inclusive community based around its historic town-centre quadrangles. The College is particularly proud of its record in establishing fully-funded postgraduate scholarships, of which more than 30 are available each year, and of its programmes to challenge under-representation in the student body, the Univ Opportunity Programme and the Univ Beacon Programme. You can read more about the College at www.univ.ac.uk.

The College comprises approximately 450 undergraduates, 220 postgraduates, and 100 members of academic staff, including Statutory Professors, Tutorial Fellows, and Postdoctoral Research Fellows.

The Master of the College is Baroness Valerie Amos, former United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and former Director of SOAS University of London. Among the Fellows of the College are six Professorial Fellows, some thirty-two Tutorial Fellows and eleven non-Tutorial Fellows, as well as up to seven Junior Research Fellows at any one time. All these categories of academics are members of the Senior Common Room (SCR), which provides intellectual, dining and social benefits.

Physics at University College

The College currently has three fellows in Physics. Professor Caroline Terquem, Professor Michael Barnes and Professor Marina Filip. The College also benefits from the support of a Stipendiary Lecturer in the subject. The College usually admits 9 or 10 undergraduate per year to read Physics.

Teaching

The successful candidate will be required to undertake a stint of four weighted hours of tutorials per week to undergraduates in Physics, averaged over three eight-week terms. Tutorials involve a group of typically 3 students who have been asked to complete and assignment which is the basis for the tutorial meeting.

The candidates should explain which parts of the first- and second-year course they feel able and prepared to teach and whether they would be able to teach any of the third year B-papers. Syllabus details can be found at:

<https://www.physics.ox.ac.uk/study/undergraduates/master-physics>

Other College duties

The postholder will be required to:

- participate in the annual undergraduate admissions process in weeks 9 and 10 of Michaelmas term;
- participate in the administration associated with undergraduates in Physics
- set and mark termly college examinations for undergraduates (these are known as 'collections');
- hold start-of-term and end-of-term meetings with the undergraduates, and conduct students' termly progress reviews at University College;
- advise on students' paper choices;
- attend College events for undergraduates in Physics;
- attend the annual academic progress reviews with the Master and the Dean of Graduates and act as College advisor to graduate students if invited to do so.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. A doctorate in Physics, or being close to obtaining one;
2. A record of successful teaching within the field of appointment. The selection committee recognises that the successful candidate may have little or no experience of small-group tutorial teaching. Evidence of relevant training may be an advantage;
3. A willingness to accept a role in the administration of Physics at the College, including the annual undergraduate admissions process;
4. A strong research record or research potential within the field of appointment.

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The stipend will be in the range £11,270-£12,446 p.a. (depending on experience). This is a fixed-term post for twelve months (in the first instance) only.

The following additional benefits are available at University College:

- Lunch and dinner in the Senior Common Room free of charge throughout the academic year, except when the kitchens are closed;
- Membership of USS pension scheme;
- Use of a teaching room.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications should be sent to Dr Ian Boutle, Academic Registrar, University College, Oxford, OX1 4BH; e-mail: recruitment@univ.ox.ac.uk, by **12 noon (UK time) on Wednesday 3 June**, and should include:

- A covering letter, including a description of teaching experience, a statement of current research, and a list of publications (please highlight and provide a link to **one** publication for the interview panel to review as representative of your work);
- A *curriculum vitae*;
- The names of two academic referees, to include one referee able to provide a teaching reference. Applicants should ask their referees to email recruitment@univ.ox.ac.uk by the same closing date of **Wednesday 3 June**.

Applications should be submitted via email as a single pdf document, in the order listed above. All data supplied by candidates will be used only for the purposes of determining their suitability for the post and will be held in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the College's Data Protection Policy (available on the website at <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/content/policy-documents-and-regulations>).

The College is an equal opportunities employer and applicants are therefore asked to complete the confidential and anonymous recruitment monitoring form. Your information will not form part of the selection process and will not be disclosed to the selection panel. Forms should be returned to hr.admin@univ.ox.ac.uk.

Potential applicants wishing to make informal enquiries about this post may contact either Caroline Terquem (caroline.terquem@univ.ox.ac.uk) or the Senior Tutor of University College, Dr Andrew Bell (andrew.bell@univ.ox.ac.uk).

Interviews are expected to take place in mid-June (precise date subject to confirmation). Candidates invited for interview will be asked to give a teaching presentation at the time of interview. Further details will be sent to shortlisted candidates.

All reasonable interview expenses will be reimbursed, and overnight accommodation can usually be provided if needed.

Please note that this post would not entitle the successful applicant to apply for a Tier 2 UK Visa, and thus any applicant should ensure that they have the legal right to work in the UK for the period of the lectureship.

University College is an equal opportunities employer. Applications are particularly welcome from women and black and minority ethnic candidates, who are under-represented in academic posts in Oxford.